Building in the name of Women and Child Welfare

2550. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a case of bungling of crores of rupees in the name of women and child welfare has come to light in All India Women's Conference (AIWC);

(b) whether any enquiry has been made in the matter so far;

(c) if so, what are the details of the enquiry and what action has been taken against the persons found involved therein; and

(d) what are the other factual details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SMT. BASAVRAJESHWARI): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to a news report entitled "AIWC embroiled in Financial Scandal" which appeared in a national daily recently.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. An enquiry has been ordered. The action against the persons will depend upon the outcome of the enquiry.

Gold and Diamond Deposits in Andhra Pradesh

2551. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey has been carried out in Andhra Pradesh to ascertain the estimated mineral potential, if so, the results thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of gold and diamond deposits have been identified;

(c) whether the exploration has been completed to identify the location; and

(d) whether Government propose to invite foreign miners to explore the mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. As a result of survey carried out by Geological Survey of India and other agencies in Andhra pradesh, the following significant mineral reserves have been estimated:—

Mineral	Estimated reserves	(in million tonnes)
Coal	12.5	billion tonnes
Hematitic Iron Ore	46.74	
Magnetitic Iron Ore	417.87	
Manganese Ore	7.732	
Bauxite	592.001	
Copper Ore	7.089	(with 0.10 m.t. metal)
Lead Ore	2.089	(with 0.071 m.t. metal)
Gold Ore	6.84	
Diamond	194990	carats
Garnet	5.002	
Ilmenite	10.262	
Barytes	67.054	
Dolomite	129.998	
Fuller's Earth	13.289	
Sillimanite	1.193	

(b) Yes, Sir. Occurrences of 6.84 million tonnes of gold ore and 194990 carats of diamond have been identified.

(c) Exploration of the known occurrences is a continuous process.

(d) As per new mineral policy and amended Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957, all known deposits of non-atomic and non-fuel minerals can be exploited by private sector.

Problems in Achieving Higher Rate of Agricultural Growth

2552. DR B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the problems faced by Indian Agriculturists for achieving higher rate of growth;

(b) the manner in which Government propose to solve these problems and the details thereof; and

(c) the success achieved so far in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The Indian agriculture has shown a long range rate of growth of around 3 per cent annum which is quite significant.